

SENATE BILL 111

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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Identification Cards and Drivers’ Licenses – Period of**
3 **Validity**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum period of time during which an
5 identification card issued to an applicant under a certain age may be valid;
6 increasing the maximum period of time during which a driver’s license issued to
7 a driver at least a certain age may be valid; making conforming changes; and
8 generally relating to the period of validity for identification cards and drivers’
9 licenses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 12–301(i) and 16–115(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 12–301.

19 (i) (1) Subject to paragraph [(3)] (2) of this subsection, an identification
20 card issued to an applicant [under the age of 65] expires at the end of a period of not
21 more than [5] 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) [Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, an identification card
2 issued to an applicant at least 65 years old expires at the end of a period of not more
3 than 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

4 (3)] (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the
5 Administration may not issue an identification card to the applicant for a period that
6 extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United
7 States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

8 (ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to
9 allow the issuance of an identification card for a period longer than the period
10 described in [paragraphs (1) and (2)] **PARAGRAPH (1)** of this subsection.

11 (iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the
12 machine-readable zone of a temporary identification card issued under this paragraph
13 that the card is a temporary identification card.

14 [(4)] **(3)** An identification card may be renewed on application and
15 payment of the fee required by this section.

16 16–115.

17 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under
18 this title to a driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee
19 at the end of a period of not more than [5] **8** years determined in regulations adopted
20 by the Administration following the issuance of the license.

21 (2) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under
22 this title to a driver under the age of 21 years shall expire not later than 60 days after
23 the driver's 21st birthday.

24 (3) A license is renewable on the presentation of an application, the
25 payment of the renewal fee required by § 16–111.1 of this subtitle, and satisfactory
26 completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (h) of this section:

27 (i) Within 6 months before its expiration; or

28 (ii) When a driver qualifies for a corrected license issued under §
29 16–114.1(c) of this subtitle.

30 (4) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the
31 Administration may not renew an individual's license for more than one consecutive
32 term without requiring the individual to appear in person at an office of the
33 Administration.

34 (5) (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the
35 Administration may not issue to the applicant a license to drive for a period that

1 extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United
2 States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

3 (ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to
4 allow the issuance of a temporary license to drive for a period longer than the period
5 described in this subsection.

6 (iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the
7 machine-readable zone of a temporary license to drive that the license is a temporary
8 license to drive.

9 (6) A holder of a temporary license to drive who had temporary lawful
10 status at the time of the issuance of the temporary license to drive shall present
11 satisfactory documentary evidence of lawful status if the holder applies for issuance or
12 renewal of any license to drive under this subtitle.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2012.